

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 9, 1996

SUBJECT: **HB 2064 - SB 2142**

This bill, if enacted, will enact the “Marty Luffman Trails Act” and will require a \$10 registration fee to be collected through veterinarians when certain categories of horses “trail horses” are tested and issued a certificate for Equine Infectious Anemia, commonly referred to as a Coggins certificate. The veterinarians will remit fees to the Department of Environment and Conservation, minus \$2.00 for expenses associated with collecting the fee. Fees collected are to be used solely for the development and maintenance of horse trails, or grants to non-profit organizations for such purposes. Fines imposed and collected are to be transmitted to the general fund, with the exception of \$.50 retained by the county for services performed.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to result in a increase in state revenue of approximately \$89,600 from the collection of the fee to be deposited in the “Horse Trail Development and Maintenance Fund”. This estimate assumes approximately 47,000 Coggins Test will be performed by veterinary diagnostic laboratories and 9,000 Coggins test will be performed by the Department of Agriculture.

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The Department of Agriculture indicates that approximately 20% of these tests currently apply to “trail horses” (56,000 x 20% x \$8.00= \$89,600.)

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to result in an increase in state expenditures of \$10,800 to the Department of Environment and Conservation for administration of this bill.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to result in an increase in local government revenue from fines collected; however such increase cannot be determined but is estimated to be not significant.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director